The South 40

Micro-computers down on the farm

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Will a micro-computer benefit your farm operation? Before investing in this equipment, it may be worthwhile to participate in a computer workshop. There is a workshop scheduled for Dec. 17 - 19 at Virginia Tech. The registration fee is $10 plus lodging and meals. If you are interested, please call this week. The workshop only has a few spaces remaining.

Peach leaf curl is a frequent problem with peaches. Delay spraying until the leaves have dropped, but apply a thorough spray to all buds before they begin to swell. Ferbam does a good job.

Beef producers and perhaps others will enjoy the Open House at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center Dec. 27.

There will be judging, speeches, and lunch. Mark your calendar now.

Voles have been problems for some homeowners. They construct underground tunnels and feed on the roots of plants. They differ from moles. Moles feed on insects and worms. Voles are vegetarians. They can seriously damage fruit trees and roses. In commercial situations a restricted use pesticide can be used. Homeowners have to rely on mouse traps. November and December are good months to trap this pest if they are a problem for you.

Lawrence Stewart tells me he harvested 55 bushels of soybeans per acre from one field. That is a very good yield, but we probably have the best soybeans in recent years.

Only nine of the nearly 50 vegetables which have become common to the American table are natives of the Americans, and they (corn, white potatoes, sweet potato, lima bean, common bean, tomato, squash, summer squash and peppers) all originated in Central and the northern parts of South America. Those requiring colder climates, like the white potato, originated in the Andes mountains, while the sweet potato developed in the hot, moist climate of sea level. The list of vegetables that North Americans have adopted is long — numbering at least 38, but their everyday names conceal the far away places of their origin--the eggplant and cucumber come from India; spinach and muskmelons from Persia; watermelon from Africa, which also sent okra; radishes and Chinese cabbage from China; asparagus, kale and collards from the lands of the Mediterranean, which also sent us cabbage; garden peas from Asia; and kohlrabi and brussels sprouts from northern Europe.

Other "foreigners" now in our diets are broccoli, cauliflower, artichoke, beet, rhubarb, parsnip, salsify, celery, parsley, leek, Swiss chard, turnip, rutabaga, cowpeas, Indian mustard, Chinese mustard, lettuce, carrot, onion, garlic and chive.

The 1984 cucumber trials show that for early yield Revenue and Dasher II gave the highest yield, 199 and 198 bu/acre respectively or total yields of 405 bu. each. PSX 681 and Slice Nice gave slightly higher total yields of 424 and 433 bushels per acre.

Slice Nice had a lower percentage of fancy grade and fruit shape.

PSX 681 has no resistance to anthracnose.

Revenue and Dasher II are good quality, color, shape and early.

Supersett is not quite as early, but considered an excellent variety.

There were 68 samples of forage submitted from Appomatox County between July 1, 1983, and June 30, 1984: 37 samples were corn silage that averaged 31.6 percent dry matter compared with 35.2 percent for counties in this district and 36.9 percent for the state. The fiber in these silage samples averaged 34.0 percent for Appomattox, but 33.2 percent for the district and 31.2 percent for the state.

This simply says that Appomattox growers continue to harvest corn silage too early--which lowers the quality of the final product.

ASCS Today

By TOM CONRAD

CONSIDER 1985 FEED GRAIN PROGRAM, FARMERS ADVISED - Corn production is expected to total 7.50 billion bushels this year, 80 percent more than last year and 9 percent below the record high 1982 crop, according to USDA's October crop production report. Current projections for corn carryover stocks, however, are less than 1.1 billion bushels.

To keep corn supplies in line with demand, strong participation in the 10 percent acreage reduction program for feed grains is needed. Although the program does not contain paid land diversion, it offers farmers both price and income protection.

Farmers who decide to enroll in the feed grain program may request 50 percent of their projected deficiency payments in advance. These payments provide program participants with a cash flow for their fall land preparation and other expenses. Deficiency payments are made to farm program participants when the national average market price falls below the government-established target price for the crop during the first five months of the marketing year.

Farmers who plant no more than 90 percent of their feed grain base will be eligible for federal target price guarantees of $3.03 per bushel for corn, $2.88 for grain sorghum, $2.60 for barley and $1.60 a bushel for oats. They are also eligible for price support loans at $2.77 per bushel for corn, $4.34 per cwt. for sorghum, $2.02 for barley and $1.44 per bushel for oats.

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RODNEY THOMPSON, JEFF GARRETT, AND RUSTY MAYES (seated, from left) won trophies for their fundraising efforts in the recent American Cancer Society 4-H Bike-A-Thon. Standing are 4-H Extension Agent Frank H. Sweet and Jeff Stratton, who received honorable mention for his fundraising efforts.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET
Extension Agent

Brett Marston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Marston of Red House will represent Appomattox County at the 1984 National 4-H Congress in Chicago during the week after Thanksgiving. Brett's trip to National 4-H Congress is the result of a winning 4-H achievement record in Public Speaking. His trip is sponsored by the Union 76 Oil Company. Brett is one of about 45 teenage 4-H'ers from Virginia to attend National Congress this year --an event that will include outstanding 4-H'ers from all 50 states. Brett's 4-H record in Public Speaking will compete with other state winners for college scholarships.

4-H Share-the-Fun programs will begin on Monday, Nov. 26, at Appomattox Elementary School and continue each afternoon through Friday, Nov. 30. Share-the-Fun will be held in the auditorium beginning at 3:30 p.m. each day and ending around 5 p.m. Top acts will be selected each day to participate in the county Share-the-Fun on December 13. Awards for 4-H Share-the-Fun in Appomattox are provided by American Federal Savings and Loan Association.

As young hunters take to the woods and fields this fall and winter, please emphasize the responsibility that goes with carrying a firearm and the need to practice safe gun handling rules at all times. A large percentage of the hunting accidents in Virginia involve teenagers. Most of these accidents could have been prevented if "common sense" safety rules were followed.

Special thanks to the Rev. Jim Ferry, who presented an excellent program on "Customs in Japan" for the A Team 4-H Club last week. Mr. Ferry spoke about his experiences

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Cyclists receive benefit trophies

Trophies were awarded to the top fundraisers in the recent American Cancer Society 4-H Bike-a-Thon last week.

The first-place trophy was awarded to Rusty Mayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Mayes. Rusty raised $113 for the American Cancer Society.

Second-place honors went to Jeff Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Garrett, who raised $104.

Rodney Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Thompson, received the third-place trophy. He raised $101.

Special honorable mention went to Jeff Stratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stratton, who raised $100.

A total of 47 individuals rode in this year's Bike-a-Thon, raising more than $1,800 for the American Cancer Society.

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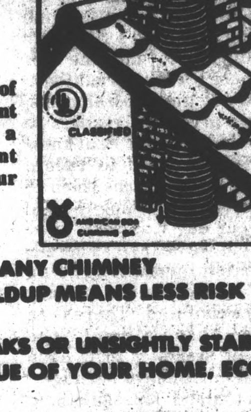

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Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Rocks, Nov. 11: It was Veterans day last Sunday. We thank God for U.S. Veterans. 28 Veterans were honored at Rocks. They wore a flower on their lapel, we need to give thanks for our Nation. Lewis Harris read the scripture. A moment of silence to pray for our Nation followed. A nice crowd came out. We need to seek God's guidance at all times.

Rocks Church was represented at the Baptist General Association at Virginia Beach on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It's been quite frosty and cold around here.

Sympathy goes out to the Metcalf family, whose loved one was buried on Monday. A very large crowd attended the funeral. Burial was in Pamplin Cemetery.

Get-well wishes go out to Harry Almond, who is not feeling well.

Trooper Rodney Roach was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Roach on Monday afternoon.

A speedy recovery is wished Winston Ranson who is in the McQuire Hospital in Richmond.

Get-well wishes go out to Mrs. Margaret Marshall who is not feeling well. May she have a speedy recovery.

College students will soon be coming home for Thanksgiving.

Two more people joined our church family at Rocks recently, Lynwood Elliott and Andrea Almond. We're glad to have them.

The cannery is still operating on Wednesday.

The Foreign Mission study class will be held at Rocks on Nov. 28. Keep this in mind.

The Central Virginia Commission on Aging Nutrition Program was held at Elon Church at Pamplin on Wednesday with very good attendance. Two new members were present. Many meals were delivered. The meeting day is Wednesday at Pamplin. We lost out on Wednesday before. Remember there are two Elon Churches, but not at the same place. If you think its worthwhile, come out and help make it work.

Sorry to hear James Richardson has returned back to the hospital. May he have a short stay there.

Get-well wishes go out to Margaret Tolley who is not feeling well.

The fire truck was called out to a fire near Hixburg Thursday afternoon.

Many are sick who haven't been mentioned, so we wish them a speedy recovery.

A very large crowd attended the Williams and Hodges wedding Nov. 10 at Evergreen Baptist Church.

Congratulations to Barbara Jean Daubenspeck who won the Birthday Cake from Food World on Nov. 16.

Thanksgiving service will be held Wednesday night, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m. A supper will follow.

Next Sunday, Nov. 25, will be attendance Sunday at Rocks.

A number of people went to Charlotte, N.C. on Wednesday. They returned late Wednesday night.

A local group went shopping in Farmville on Tuesday.

Sympathy goes out the David Garrette of Evergreen, who lost a brother last week. He was buried at Liberty Chapel Baptist Church. The Rev. James Williams conducted the funeral. The Rev. David Garrette had a sister, Mrs. Frances Guill of Chesapeake.

A special notice: The Young Hearts Club will leave the Methodist Church at Appomattox on Nov. 28 at 10:30 a.m. for Lynchburg Coutry Cooking Restaurant at Timbrook Square. Rides will be provided for those who desire to go.

Gravel Hill news notes

The Usher's Board at Gravel Hill Church will celebrate its sixth anniversary the fourth Sunday in November (Nov. 25) at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Stanley Wesley of Pamplin.

A Thanksgiving Day service will be held at Gravel Hill at 7 p.m. The Rev. Wesley will be the guest speaker. Please come and see what this man and God has in store for you.

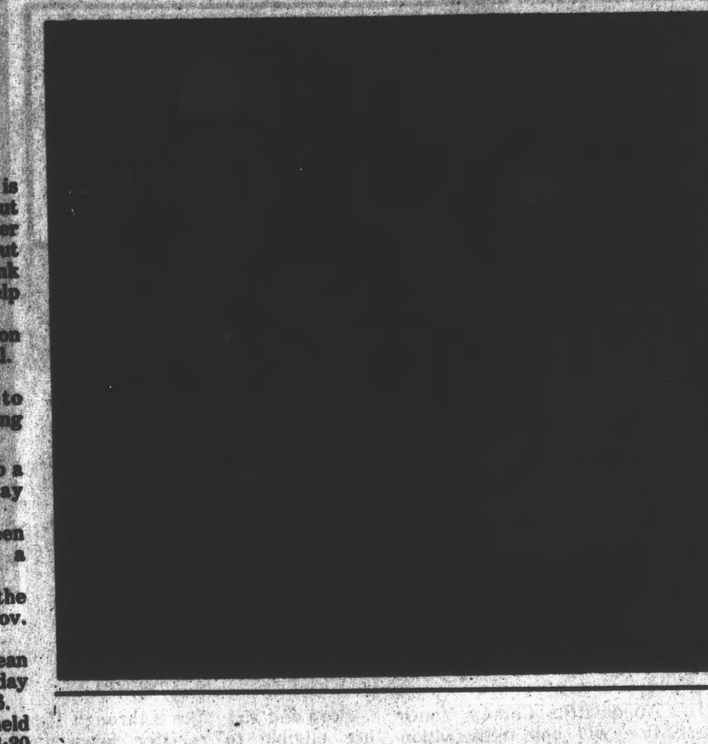
The community was saddened by the death of Mrs. Virginia Beasley of Prospect. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family.

Please pray for the sick and the shut-in.

Gospel concert planned

Community Life Line Ministries at Clearview Baptist Church will sponsor a gospel concert with the "Singing Echoes" at Hyland Heights Baptist Church on Route 29 South of Lynchburg Saturday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come hear the Singing Echoes. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken.



ERNEST BALDWIN of Pamplin recently received an outstanding sales award from Snapper Mower products for his outstanding sales effort in the past year. Baldwin, manager of Burrus Timber Products, is shown holding the award with Debbie Ferguson, secretary of Burrus Timber Products.

Vote-tally correction noted

In last weeks Times-Virginian the election returns for Appomattox County on zoning were incorrect.

Appomattox County rejected zoning with the county precincts voting as follows: Clover Hill, 136 yes and 376 no; Pamplin 48 yes and 111 no; Rocks 93 yes and 238 no; Walker's Church 53 yes and 89 no; Agee 61 yes and 156 no; Chap 105 yes and 230 no; Courthouse 253 yes and 368 no; Cheatwood 27 yes and 122 no; Oakville 202 yes and 607 no and Stonewall 94 yes and 258 no.

A total of 1072 voted yes for zoning in the county and 2555 voted no on the issue.

We regret the error.

Donations sought

The Christmas Mother, Mrs. Maud Braford, is soliciting clothing, toys, food, other gifts, and monetary donations for the Volunteer Christmas Program.

The foster child, ADC Child, sick and/or disabled, elderly, low-income persons receiving the Christmas baskets could be your child, your parents, your friends, or you.

Open your hearts to those who are less fortunate than you. Is it not true that we can all say, "There but for the grace of God go I?" "God is Good."

Donations may be delivered to the Appomattox Department of Social Services. The telephone number is 352-7125.

WOW plans meeting

Grove 6073, Woodmen of the World will meet at the Pizza Hut on Monday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. All members are asked to be present.

Woodmen of the World Camp 71 and Grove 6073 will have their annaul Awards Night Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the WOW hall.

All Woodmen members are encouraged to attend.

Galilee news notes

In all things give thanks.

Regular worship services were held at Galilee Baptist Church this past Sunday. Pastor Davis delivered an inspiring sermon and the YSD Singers were in charge of music.

The Rev. Wilson and congregation from the Teauvallet Baptist Church of Cumberland, Va., will render special services at Galilee this coming Sunday at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Celestine Bigger is on the sick list in York, Pa. Let us pray for all the sick and shut-in.

Have a good thankful week and let us remember our brothers and sisters who are starving in various parts of the world! God bless you!

Promise Land

"Love God, and your neighbor. Let us give thanks."

We extend an invitation to join us for Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 22, 1984. The Rev. Albert E. Davis, Sr. will deliver the message. Service will begin at 11 p.m. Let us come out and give thanks to the Lord for our blessings.

We invite you to regular service on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1984 for 10 a.m. Sunday School and 11 a.m. for regular service.

Let us remember the sick and shut-in.

Writer says 'thanks'

Editor:

On behalf of Falling River Country Club, I would like to thank all the participants in the recently held benefit golf tournament. Over $1,500 was raised to help support three organizations vital to our community.

In order to make this tournament a success, the support of area businesses was needed. A special thanks is extended to the following grocers and restaurants:

Wilbun's Market, Guill's Market, Jeannes Restaurant, The Heritage Inn, Tommy Moore's Chicken Palace, Maudes Restaurant, Top Treat, Country Fare, Pizza Hut and Burger King.

Appomattox is fortunate to have a community where people get involved.

Sincerely,
Steve Webster
Falling River CC Club Manager

Observance planned

Providence Baptist Church of Red House will observe High Attendance Day in Sunday School and Harvest Sunday on Nov. 25.

Dr. Marvin Gold, Chaplain of Virginia Baptist Hospital will be the speaker at the worship service.

Everyone is invited to come out and join us.

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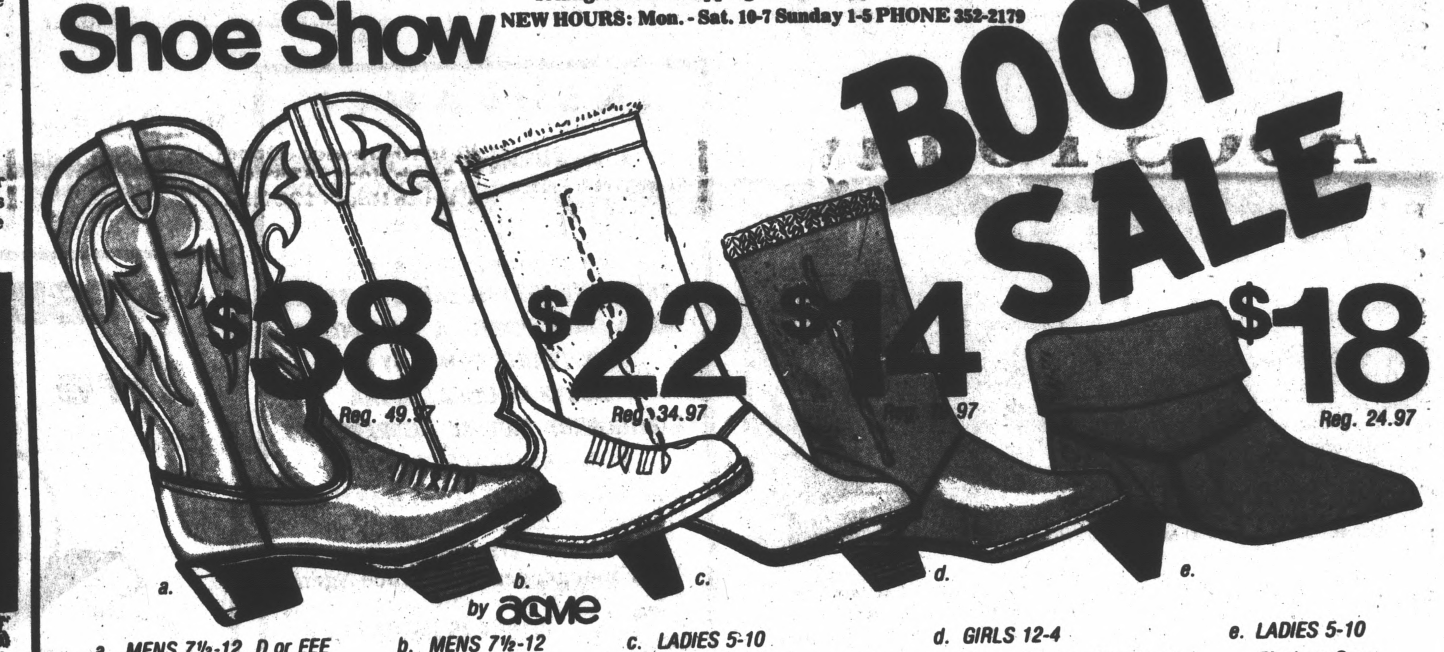

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